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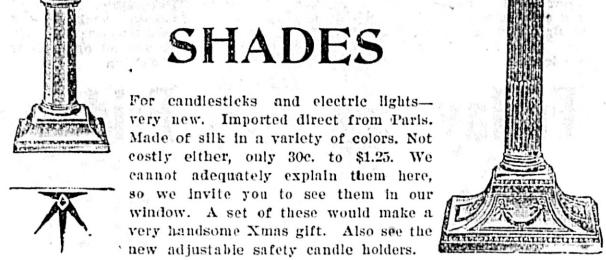
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## Bid Adieu To Chamberlain

Agents General Take Leave of the Former Colonial Secretary.

Fiscal Policy Must Be Taken Up By Colonies With Enthusiasm.

Hon. George E. Foster Addresses Meeting at Dundee on Tuesday.

London, Nov. 18.—(Special.)—Lord Strathearn and the under-secretary attended at the Colonial Office for the purpose of taking leave of Mr. Chamberlain. Lord Strathearn said it was no ordinary expression of regret at the severance of their relationship with Mr. Chamberlain. Referring to Mr. Chamberlain's policy, Lord Strathearn said differences of opinion might exist in regard to the details of his policy by which it is to be carried out, but there was a generally expressed desire among the people of the colonies for a closer and more effective union with the mother country. Mr. Chamberlain had done more than any other man to promote imperial unity. He had recognized that whatever was to be done must be done by them as a free people voluntarily and with as much enthusiasm as would be due here.

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## GOVERNMENT IS ENDORSED

By-Election in Vancouver Results in The Return of Hon. Chas. Wilson, By a Huge Majority.

### LIBERAL TYEES BADLY ROUTED

Successful Candidate is Tendered a Monster Ovation—Much Jollification Amongst His Many Friends.

Vancouver, Nov. 18.—Hon. Charles Wilson, K. C., who went to the people for re-election as Attorney-General of the province was elected over Capt. J. Duff Stuart, Liberal, today at Vancouver by 556 majority. The Conservative victory was the more remarkable as the Joseph Martin and the Bob Kelly factions of the Liberal party united and made it a sharp party contest, while the Liberals all over the province concentrated their strength in this city. Senator Templeman, Mr. Taylor, the provincial Liberal leader, Deane of Kamloops, Stuart Henderson of Ashcroft and others took a most active part.

The total vote was Wilson, 2,840; Stuart, 1,884. The vote was just 1,000 less than the number cast at the recent general election. The Conservatives are parading the streets tonight with a brass band and torches. Hon. Mr. Wilson, in a carriage, was given an ovation along all the principal streets.

The result was a surprise even to the most sanguine Conservative. Some of the more rash ones bet on 500 majority, but this was the limit.

A leader of the Liberal factions here took even all the money offered on a 300 majority. For a by-election it is considered the vote polled was a large one. The Conservatives were effectively organized and the committees worked hard as on a general election. Mr. Wilson is said to have polled most of the labor vote.

### Tells of Finances Of the Province

Hon. R. G. Tallow Makes An Important Statement During Campaign in Vancouver.

Following Strict Policy of Retrenchment And Steadily Restoring Stability.

During the campaign which has just closed in Vancouver Hon. R. G. Tallow, minister of finance, made an important statement regarding the province's present financial position. This information would be shortly given in detail, he said, in a return which would be presented to the House on its meeting. That official record would show that last year the late government spent \$1,000,000 more than the revenue of the province. Their friends, the Liberals, would like to say it was a Conservative government. It was, however, the prior government, of which two members were Conservatives and three Liberals. The fifth, Mr. Prentice, always claimed to have no party politics.

The revenue, the return would show, for the year ending June 30th last, had been \$2,044,620.35. The expenditure, including sinking fund, redemption of debentures, \$1,622,688.88; Fraser river bridge payments, \$501,501.50; and other, \$872,000, amongst many more ordinary items reached a grand total of \$3,555,450.93, making a deficit of \$1,510,829.58. This did not include railway subsidies of \$55,000, which would make the total deficit for the year ending just before the election of \$1,565,829.58.

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### OPENING THE CANAL.

Detroit, Nov. 18.—The steamer Will Bowen was pulled off the west bank of the time kilns crossing the mouth of the Detroit river today after 600 tons of her cargo had been lightered, thus opening the canal for navigation.

### KILLED ON CROSSING.

Batavia, N. Y., Nov. 18.—Claude W. Bull, aged 55 years, a farmer at South Barrre, Orleans county, and his widow's sister, Mrs. Dorothy Cole, aged 50 years, were killed by a West Shore train while driving across the tracks at Elba, Genesee county, today.

### GROWING IMPATIENT.

Falling An Answer by Twentieth Russia Will Interview the Turk.

Constantinople, Nov. 18.—It is understood here that unless the Turks reply to the Russian-Austro reform scheme is received by November 20th, Baron Von Soltan, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, and M. Zinovieff, the Russian ambassador, will demand an audience of the Sultan, with the view of insisting on its acceptance.

### THE DUTCH DEFEATED.

Elections in Cape Colony Give a Majority to Progressive Party.

Cape Town, Nov. 18.—A complete count of the votes cast in the election of November 11 for members of the legislative council shows that, instead of the bond, or Dutch element, having gained a victory, as was expected, the progressives, or British, have a majority of one member in the council.

### FIGHTING FOR THE FAIR MILLIONS

Mother of Late Mrs. Charles Charges Misrepresentation on Part of Agents.

New York, Nov. 18.—Fraud and misrepresentation on the part of the agents of the Vanderbilt and Oelrichs interests in the estate of the late Charles L. Fair, is charged by Mrs. Hannah L. Fair, mother of the late Mrs. Fair, in a deposition filed today in the Supreme court by Bela D. Eisler, special commissioner appointed by Justice Barrett to take testimony of witnesses connected in any way with the mobile accident at which Mrs. Fair lost her lives near Paris. Commissioner Eisler will sail today for Paris to take the testimony of ten witnesses.

The late Nelson testified that after her husband's death she was induced to go to San Francisco, where the agents of Mrs. J. Herman Oelrichs and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, jun., induced her to relinquish her claim to the \$5,000,000 estate by alleging fraudulent claims that they had cablegrams showing that Mrs. Fair died instantly, and her husband survived her, which, if true, would destroy Mrs. Nelson's right to the estate. As a result, she says, she accepted \$125,000 to sign over agreements relinquishing her rights.

On the steamship with Commissioner Eisler will be P. B. Candler, attorney for Mrs. Oelrichs and Mrs. Vanderbilt, and H. T. M. Beckman, counsel for Mrs. Nelson will sail.

### THE CHICAGO STRIKE.

Proposal for Settlement Made By Peace Committee.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—A proposition for the settlement of the strike was made this evening by the aldermanic committee appointed by Mayor Harrison. The offer was the outcome of a conference with representatives of all the street car employees in Chicago. Col. E. R. Bliss, general counsel of the City Railway Company, immediately put the proposal before the directors of the company.

### NORTHERN SECURITIES CO.

Counsel Files a Motion Against Appeal From Decision of U. S. Court.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Counsel for the Northern Securities Company filed a motion in the supreme court today against the appeal of the state of Minnesota from the decision of the United States Circuit Court of the district of Minnesota in the case of that state versus the Securities Company. The motion is made on the ground that no question of constitutional construction is involved in the case, and therefore no direct appeal to the United States supreme court is permissible. In their brief in support of the motion counsel contended that what was founded on federal as well as state statutes, none of the rulings of the circuit court involved the construction or application of the federal constitution.

### LIEUT. ROBICHON'S TRIAL CONCLUDED

Court Martial on Presidio Officer Completes Taking of Evidence.

San Francisco, Nov. 18.—The final evidence was taken today and the closing arguments made before the court-martial which is considering the case of Lieut. Hector A. Robichon, who is charged with "conduct unbecoming an officer."

A number of doctors occupied the stand today. Three physicians gave the hypothetical testimony to the effect that Robichon was probably not guilty, while three other surgeons let their scientific lights shine upon the side of his probable guilt.

Surgeon Kendall, who attended Robichon at the hospital, gave testimony for the prosecution. Dr. Newton, the contract surgeon at Benicia, also testified. Surgeons Major Stevenson and Lieut. Robe also gave expert and personal evidence for the prosecution.

Major Black and Capt. Kowin were put upon the stand by the defence to testify that Lieut. Robichon had several times been mentioned in orders for conspicuous bravery in action in the Philippines.

Miss Marjorie Kirkpatrick, the nurse, who is the prosecution's eye-witness, was recalled to strengthen parts of her testimony, which she did.

When the court, consisting of nine officers, has reached a verdict, it will be kept secret and sent to Washington.

Mrs. Madden will file an answer to the divorce suit begun by her husband. She was a Miss Partello and has long been a belle in army circles.

## Port Simpson Not Favored

Grand Trunk Pacific Directors Point Out Difficulties of Route.

Survey Party Working on Coast Find Three Available Harbors.

Ottawa Government Have Probably Dropped Fast Atlantic Project.

From Our Own Correspondent.  
Ottawa, Nov. 18.—The government have evidently abandoned the fast Atlantic project, as it is stated on good authority that when the contract with the Allans expires next summer they will be given to understand that if they wish to retain the government subsidy they must provide faster boats for the Canadian route.

It will not be a matter of surprise if the Grand Trunk Pacific directors selected some other port than Port Simpson as their terminal point upon the Pacific Coast. Inland from Port Simpson, running in a southeasterly direction, there is a deep water channel known as Work channel, with high and precipitous mountains on both sides, rising to a height of four or five thousand feet. In order to get from the valley of the Skeena, down which the railway will run, and around Work channel and they to Port Simpson, the mountains would have to be cut away for 25 miles in a continuous stretch of galleries. The cost would be enormous. Mr. Anderson, chief engineer of the department of marine and fisheries, who has surveyed all up the Coast of British Columbia, while admitting that Port Simpson furnished a splendid deep-water terminus, yet, on account of the obstacles mentioned, is of the opinion that some other terminal point will have to be selected. He favors Kitimat Arm. Mr. Wainwright, one of the directors of the Grand Trunk Pacific, was here today, and confirmed Mr. Anderson's view, although he admitted that the final decision had not yet been reached upon that point. Mr. Wainwright stated that the company had had a survey party on the Coast all summer, and that they had reached three available harbors, Port Simpson, Kitimat and Bella Coola.

The Canadian Forestry Association is arranging a series of special meetings, beginning at Halifax and ending at Vancouver, and extending to the Pacific Coast. The meetings are arranged in view of the action of provincial governments. Ontario has already subscribed, while Quebec and British Columbia have promised aid.

Premier Parent was here today. He denies that he is going to retire from the Quebec premiership for the present.

The report of the inland revenue department was issued today.

Trade Commissioner Jardine is returning to Canada from South Africa, and will address the manufacturers at different points.

### COTTON CULTURE IN GERMANY

Students to Study in Texas in Order to Be Independent of American Supply.

Berlin, Nov. 18.—The German Colonial Society contemplates the sending of a number of students to Texas for agricultural and technical schools to study the methods of growing and marketing cotton. The young men will spend a year on a cotton plantation and so acquire practical experience, which they will later employ in the German colonies.

The students will sign a contract to spend a number of years in the service of the German Colonial Society for the purpose of introducing the cotton culture after the American system. The enterprise is the outgrowth of a suggestion by the German consul at Galveston, who undertakes to make the arrangements for the preparation of the students.

The secretary has just sent a Texan named Becker to Da Es Salaam, in German East Africa, to find new locations adapted to cotton growing. He will be the first German expert to arrive there. The latest reports from German East Africa indicate that interest in cotton growing is spreading, and that many new communities are engaged in the industry.

The Colonial Society points to recent speculation in the American market as a reason for seeking to, if possible, make Germany independent of the American supply.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The opposition to the Cuban bill was heard in the House today. The speeches of Mr. Grosvenor (Ohio), who opened the discussion in advocacy of the bill, and Mr. Forney (Michigan), who spoke in opposition. The debate will close tomorrow and a vote will be taken no later than Friday afternoon.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.  
Work Done at the Session Yesterday in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Nov. 18.—The convention of the W. C. T. U. today ordered \$5,000 to be appropriated for an exhibit at the world's fair. The report of the department of work among the railroad employees showed that over 200,000 railroad employees are now wearing the railroad temperance button. Social halls intended to counteract saloon influences, have been erected in many places.

COLD SNAP CONTINUES.  
All Passenger Trains Delayed by Snow and Wind.

St. Paul, Nov. 18.—The intense cold which prevails in the far northwest has resulted in many delays to passenger trains. The train for the day due at St. Paul at 6:40 last night from Vancouver, was 22 hours late. Northern Pacific train No. 4, due at 7:40, did not arrive until about 12:35 this afternoon. No. 2, the North Coast Limited, was reported seven hours late. The Chicago Great Western Limited, No. 5, was two hours late. The Northern Pacific wires west of Spokane were down today. The cause was presumably snowstorms in the Cascade mountains.



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## THE VANCOUVER ELECTION.

We sincerely trust that the next time the Liberals of Vancouver, or any other part of the province, take to reading editorials from the Colonist in their conventions, they will pay more attention to the logic they contain and the lessons they convey. The Liberals would have a fight, would they? They said the Colonist had put a chip on the shoulder of the Conservative party and dared them to knock it off. Suppose we did. What of it? The chip is still there we opine. They would have a fight and they got it. We hope they are satisfied. We hope they are content to admit that the city of Vancouver is no longer a Liberal stronghold. This was a straight fight. There was one Conservative candidate in the field and one Liberal candidate. There were no distractions nor cross issues. The result was that the Conservative candidate, the Hon. Charles Wilson, received a majority of nine hundred and forty one votes. We have never denied, in fact we have insisted upon the crucial character of the elections. With the parties in the legislature disposed as they are, the government could not have survived the loss of its Attorney-General. We are entitled to say that after the election, because we made no bones about saying it before. But now we have an equal right to insist upon the other side of the case, namely, that the Attorney-General, having been elected by an increased majority in the largest constituency of the province, in a constituency claimed as a Liberal stronghold, the Liberal party should cease making its preposterous claims that it represents the people of this province, and confine itself to the legitimate functions of a parliamentary opposition. We have only one regret in connection with the contest. That is that we committed ourselves to the opinion that Mr. Wilson's majority should run into four figures. It has come short of that, and we only wish we had subtracted fifty from our estimate. We are inclined to think that Vancouver is permanently redeemed from Liberal domination, a happy augury for the Conservative party, both in federal and provincial politics, and a happy augury for the province of British Columbia apart from politics altogether.

## HOME PRODUCTS.

The Colonist has been endeavoring to create an interest among Victoria consumers in the various products manufactured in their own city. It is often alleged that products of various kinds made in Victoria can be freely sold elsewhere in open competition with other goods. While in Victoria itself, they cannot be sold on account of an unreasonable prejudice against articles of home manufacture. We cannot imagine the ground for such a prejudice. It might be that people argue that manufacturing conditions not being at present so favorable in the West as in the East, there must be a difference in quality between Western and Eastern products. That is possibly true of certain commodities, but there are very wide qualifications which must be made to any such sweeping assertion. In the first place, articles manufactured from locally secured or imported raw material, cannot be manufactured anywhere in Canada more favorably than in Victoria, especially if the raw material comes from the Orient or from Great Britain. The raw material can be laid down in all cases as cheaply, and in some cases more cheaply, than anywhere else. If we admit that labor costs are higher in the West than in the East, we have the freight across the continent to balance that. In some articles, that freight does not bear so high a proportion to value as in others; but in all which are made from locally supplied or imported raw material, and in which freight charges are heavy in proportion to value, Victoria is in an excellent position to supply the Pacific slope market, and in an even better position to supply its own market. Another important qualification to unfavorable manufacturing conditions in the West as compared with the East, must be made. The West can hold its own in articles of which the flat cost is not seriously affected by the number manufactured. In some respects the West cannot compete with the East, because the Western market is not large enough to permit of manufacturing upon the most economic scale. But that scale is not the same for all commodities. Let us illustrate what we mean. If a manufacturer set out to make one carpet tack, it would certainly be the most expensive carpet tack ever made. Two would cost less per tack and so on, let us say, up to one million. But there comes a point when it is just as cheap

per tack to make a certain number as to make twice that number. In whatever commodity the Western market is capable of absorbing the most economic unit of production, in that commodity the West is capable of doing its own manufacturing. Therefore if our people reject home manufactures on the ground of a prejudice that Eastern manufactures must of necessity be superior or cheaper, that prejudice should give way to a consideration of our home products upon their merits. As in production so in distribution. When people tell us that a big Eastern store, paying an enormous rent; spending huge sums in printing and illustrating and advertising by mail, can distribute goods economically to Western customers, who have to pay heavy express charges, we simply smile. These stores have no advantages in the markets in which they buy, to counterbalance the disadvantages under which they labor in selling. It is not the local stores which must deal in shoddy to compete with them. It is those which must deal in shoddy in order to compete with the local stores. The one customer who gets something for less than it is worth, crows over it in triumph like a rooster over a grain of corn; while the nine customers who pay too much for what they have got, keep discreetly and shamefacedly silent. It is upon that regrettable but common characteristic of human nature that the mail-order business of Eastern departmental stores is founded. There is a limit to economic distribution also, and, once that is passed, no further advantage is to be gained through the bulk of articles distributed. In addition to that, a personal and first-hand estimate of the suitability of goods, has an economic value not to be measured merely by their price. It is to a large extent useless, we admit, to insist upon the benefit to the community at large, of supporting both the home manufacture and home distribution of goods. The individual realizes in a dim and uncertain way that the prosperity of the city in which he lives, affects his own well-being and prosperity. But against the immediate real or imaginary saving of a dollar, he is not apt to allow that consideration to influence him. Still, when as much is drained out of a city in the ways we have indicated, as there is abundant evidence to show is being drained out of Victoria, as well as other Western cities, it is easy for all to see how their prosperity may be prejudiced, and good citizens will be willing to ask themselves the question whether it is not time to call a halt.

## THE JAMES BAY WALL.

The Times yesterday published a cut of the James Bay wall which appeared in the same issue of the Colonist as the cut which we published yesterday morning. The cut in question obviously illustrates only the two ends of the proposed wall as the break in the centre shows. We never denied that there were steps and platforms. We only asserted that these were shown at the ends of the wall, and not in the centre. The other cut showed that they were not in the centre. This cut shows that they were at the ends, a fact not ignored in the other cut. We can see no inconsistency in that. The Times has published a cut showing that the proposed wall had steps and platforms at the ends. The cut could not show what was in the centre of the wall, because the cut does not illustrate the centre of the wall. But the other cut, which does illustrate the centre of the wall, shows conclusively that no platform at the centre was ever intended or suggested. If this cut, as Mr. Sorby says, indicates that the platform ran from end to end of the wall, then it absolutely contradicts the other cut which appeared in the same issue of the paper. We do not think it does contradict the other cut. The two are perfectly consistent. The one shows the ends of the wall where the platforms are, and the other shows the whole wall, including the centre, where the platforms are not. Mr. Sorby winds up with the assertion that he is prepared to answer any statement the Colonist may make. Well, the first statement we make is that Mr. Sorby is either muddle-headed or disingenuous, if he is not both. If he fails to appreciate what the sketches actually convey he is muddle-headed. If he does appreciate it, and endeavors to place a false and misleading construction upon the cuts, he is disingenuous. The one alternative is discreditable to his intelligence, the other to his character. He can protect whichever he chooses.

## CHAMBERLAIN'S MESSAGE.

The opponents of Mr. Chamberlain, basing their attack upon a passage in his Glasgow speech, omitted from the revised report of that speech because in many quarters it had been misunderstood, have endeavored to maintain that he advocates the restriction of colonial commerce and manufactures for the benefit of Great Britain. His answer to that was given in his speech at Tynemouth, where he made a special plea that what he said might be circulated far and wide through the British Empire. "This," he said, "is what they say—that my proposal is that the colonies are to enter into a self-denying ordinance never at any time and in any circumstances to extend the number of their manufactures, or to conquer new fields of commerce in competition with Great Britain. Now, facetiousness is all very well, but it goes too far when it gives effect to such a gross misrepresentation as that. Of course the object is perfectly clear. It is to say that the colonies, who have been working for themselves, who are with me almost to a man—it is to make them believe that I am blind to their natural conditions, to their own natural necessities, and that I am prepared to stop their progress, close it down absolutely and arbitrarily, in order to secure certain advantages for this country. I have never said anything of the kind; but it is printed as having been stated as a paraphrase of what I have said, and I did not mean anything of the kind. And nothing of the kind would be possible if I did mean it. No, sir, the colonists, I think, know me. They know that under no circumstances do I want to interfere with their commercial freedom any more than I should like them to interfere with our commercial freedom. We have given them full power to decide for themselves as

to what their fiscal policy should be. When we come together in negotiation we shall see how far we can arrange our fiscal policies to suit mutual interests. Neither has the right to say to the other: 'You shall do this or you shall do that, or you shall be blamed if you do not do it.' Nothing of the kind; and, in the second place, they know that I will not stereotype their progress. They have great notions of the future—small nations now, but in imagination cannot you see what they are certain to become? It is possible that in the life of children now living the population of these self-governing colonies may be greater than the population of the mother country. Think not only of the present and ourselves, but think of the future, when these great states have become great nations, and whether it is to your advantage that you should have traveled with them and they with you, or whether they and you should be separately established, separately considered, and with separate interests." We are quite sure that Mr. Chamberlain need not worry about the risk of misapprehension in Canada at least. His message to the British Empire is the same message as that brought by the Fathers of Confederation to the scattered provinces of Canada. If he can pierce the British fog he need have no alarm with regard to the clear atmosphere in which Canadians think.

## A FATAL ROAD.

The editorial article in which the Toronto Globe admitted the notable corruption of the Liberal party in Ontario and besought Premier Ross to set about putting his house in order, has made a great stir. There is a doubt whether it was an ebullition of feeling in the party against Premier Ross, or an inspiration towards amendment on the part of the Premier himself. No government could possibly repeat the experiment of the Sault Ste. Marie election more than once or twice. Premier Ross might well consider that power at such an expense was not worth having, to any man who desired to retain any shreds of self-respect. If so, the same charity would be extended towards his government as towards a sinner repentant on his death bed. Death bed repentances, however, although most edifying, possess no powers to prolong life. And even if the Liberal party in Ontario choose at this late hour to adopt a policy of purification, it would not render any the less certain its dissolution, already insured by a policy of puritification. At the same time we are far from belittling the effect of such a sign of grace in the Liberal party of Ontario. To destroy and to defeat a political party that is corrupt is not nearly so great a victory as to make it acknowledge its own corruption and strive to amend it. To defeat such a party is merely to show that the body politic possesses sound elements, but to convince it of corruption and set itself to its own amendment, even if it be only in self-defence, is to prove the whole body politic sound.

## HUBBUB, MUDDLE, MUD AND TROUBLE.

To the Editor.  
Sir,—Although I have been in Victoria a few months only this time, I have kept my eyes and understanding open to some extent. I noticed the repairs of Belleville street, which was well coated with broken stone and rolled, as is done in some of the London streets. Then comes a stupid, ignorant foreman who covers the whole with inferior muddy sand. A month afterwards some rain falls, and the muddy sand is turned into four inches of mud. Three weeks after the first scraping comes a second scraping, and many more may be necessary before the winter is over. The foreman, as in other countries, should be made to pay this foolish waste of money and material, or take the other alternative. Then I hear of a costly bungle in the James Bay retelling wall. Who is to blame, the city engineer or the mayor and the aldermen of the day? In any case the taxpayers and general public have much cause for complaint. I have seen reference in the press about an omission in depth, and stability of the Carnegie library foundation, and a charge for extras looming up. How about the architect? Can he know his duty? Some one is to blame. Who is it? The architect knew his duty or he did not. In a simple job of this kind there should be no people for extras. The taxpayers should protest. Permanent residents have much to find fault with as the actual outlay comes out of their pockets, and casual visitors may be thankful at not coming within the squeezing process.

## BRITISH TRAVELER.

## PRESS COMMENT.

For some years unscrupulous packers in other sections have been in the habit of making their profits from the reputation of the Columbia river product. It is stated that the most extensive abuse of this character has been among the packers on the Sacramento river in California, and among Fraser Sound. At these points not only has an inferior grade of salmon been placed on the market under the Columbia river label, but in many instances the fish has been carried so far as to insure the shipment of fish that were actually unfit for consumption. The people engaged in this business had nothing to lose and everything to gain. The point has been reached where the Columbia river packer has been made conscious of the injury that is resulting to his business. Senator Fulton proposes to institute measures that will effectually call a halt on this sort of thing. It is to be hoped that his efforts will meet with success.—Portland Telegram.

Sir William Whiteway, it is reported, will appear to a people of Newfoundland at the next election on a confederation platform. This kind of rumor has been heard too often to greatly excite Canada. The wayward islanders will settle their destiny themselves. Just now they are in paying the heaviest taxes levied in a British-American colony.—Montreal Gazette.

If there is one part of Canada that may reasonably expect to benefit from Mr. Chamberlain's policy it is the Northwest, and Mr. Roblin gives utterance to the popular view of the Northwest on this subject at the present time. He says that if Mr. Roblin is to be believed, in the acceptance or rejection of Mr. Chamberlain's proposals the advancement or retrogression of her development by at least two decades.—Ottawa Free Press.

The managers of the Canadian Patriotic Fund find themselves with \$100,000 on hand, which they do not know what to do with. Reason being that they have made for the war sufferers, for whose benefit the fund was created, and still the above large sum remains. There are two propositions being discussed in the connection. One is that the money be distributed to those considered entitled to it; and the other that it be invested as the nucleus of a permanent fund for the relief of disabled Canadian soldiers. Objection is made to the latter plan on the ground that it is likely to be criticised. Some of those on whom the responsibility of action rests are likely to wish that the patriotism of the Canadian people had been less lavish.—Montreal Gazette.

merits, to give him the support to which as a capable leader of the party he is entitled, and, by thus strengthening his hands enable him to deal vigorously with any and all agencies that may have brought discredit upon the party. That the appeal is soundly based, goes without saying.—Montreal Herald.

The Globe is right. There are "barons" on the shielded state, and the biggest of these is the Ontario government, lock, stock and barrel. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link, and politically a government is no better than its worst member. The personal excellence of the various members of the Ontario government do not come into judgment at all, but politically Hon. G. W. Ross cannot tolerate gross public sin without putting himself in exactly the same category as the greatest sinner in his government. The Ontario government as a whole is condemned by Muskoka's verdict on the Gannex charges, and the Ontario government as a whole must stand or fall by the verdicts which the other constituencies will render on the same issue.—Hamilton Spectator.

A despatch from Ottawa to the London Standard seems to have made it appear that Canadians generally approve of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's demand for independent treaty-making powers for Canada. The author must have gathered his ideas in a select Liberal circle. As a matter of fact the Laurier suggestions have been condemned by more than approved them, and have reached that stage of the road to the graveyard of dead issues in which friends of the premier are seeking to explain them away.—Exchange.

## STRANGER THAN FICTION.

He started in an office boy,  
He dusted off the chairs;  
He put things in their places, and  
He brightened up affairs.  
He never monkeyed in the hall,  
He never tried to shirk;  
He always answered every call  
And lithely did his work.

He never cared to read about  
The deeds of Deadwood Dick;  
His parents never sent word that  
Their darling son was sick;  
His grandma never died, and so  
He worked day after day;  
He went where he was told to go,  
Nor loitered on the way.

He had no taste for playing jokes  
Around the busy place;  
It was a pleasure to behold  
His bright and happy face;  
He never hummed a ragtime air  
Nor puffed a cigarette  
And when they left things to his care  
They knew he'd not forget.

He never practiced dancing figns,  
Nor spoke the spoken to at night  
He never sneaked away at night  
While there was work to do—  
Yet of that good boy there is a  
Surprising thing to learn;  
The fact is that he's not today  
The head of that concern.

—Chicago Record-Herald.

## RISIBILITIES.

"On o' de sad things 'bout dis life,"  
said Uncle Eben, "is dat it's so much  
easier to depend on de enmity ob yoh enemies  
dan on de friendship ob yoh friends."  
—Leslie's Weekly.

"I have only one objection to my husband's paluting the town red," said Mrs. Snapper to Mrs. Swayback. "And what is that?" "He doesn't use water colors."  
—Town Topics.

"So he kissed you, did he?" "Yes." "I'm astonished." "So was I. You see, he met me in a dark corner of the plaza, and—" "Oh, in a dark corner! That explains it."—Chicago Post.

Lord Oldestable—Really, Mrs. Hustleton, one does not begin to appreciate this country until one has seen it. Mrs. Hustleton—Why, Your Lordship, I didn't appreciate it until I saw the others.—Puck.

Mamma—Johnny, see that you give Ethel the lion's share of that orange. Johnny—Yes, ma. Ethel—Mamma, he hasn't given me any. Johnny—Well, that's all right. Lions don't eat oranges.—New Yorker.

Mary—But why do you think they are so certain to fall in love? Ann—In the first place, their parents hate each other; and in the second, neither of them has a penny in the world.—Smart Set.

"What is your idea of experience?" asked the very young man. "Experience," replied the sage from Sageville, "is the result of wanting everything you can't get and getting everything you don't want."—Chicago News.

"Why is it, Doctor," she asked, "that so many men are having nervous prostration nowadays?" "It is their fault," he said. "They are trying to do too much. They are using too many stimulants, and in the end they get a good deal of it delirium tremens."—Chicago Record-Herald.

## MEN AND THINGS.

The ancient tanner paid an expert high wages to guess at the contents of his hides when sold by measure. Today, an unskilled workman, hands to irregular shaped pieces to a little machine that looks something like a table with a double top, which, quicker than the mind of the expert could guess it, reckons with the exactness and squareness contained in both the metric and standard systems.

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## Local News

Fruit Grocers' Association.—At Dunsmuir, on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the quarterly meeting of the Fruit Grocers' Association will be held.

In Chambers.—Yesterday only one case was heard in Chambers, that of the Fine Creek Power Co. vs. Brooks; garnishee. Order nisi, costs reserved. Belueya for plaintiff.

Board of Horticulture.—This morning at 10 o'clock a meeting of the Provincial Board of Horticulture will be held in the office of the deputy minister of agriculture, Mr. J. R. Anderson.

Smoking Concert.—The Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners are sending out invitations to a smoking concert to be held in Labor hall on the 23rd inst.

Third Company Meeting.—A meeting of No. 3 Company Association, Fifth Regiment, will be held in the men's rooms, Drill hall, this evening, for important business and distribution of prizes.

Sale of Work.—St. Paul's Christian Endeavor sale of work and social will be held in Semple's hall, Friday afternoon, November 20th, to be followed in the evening by a social, at which a good programme will be provided. Admission 10 cents.

Dance at Esquimalt.—Friday evening the residents of Esquimalt will give another dance in the public hall. This will be the fourth dance held there this season, and the Esquimalt people now have the reputation of knowing how to make people enjoy themselves.

Over the Bridge.—At James bay bridge yesterday an over-riding horse backed its cart and self over the bridge into the dump below in trying to deliver the goods. It was quite a job to extricate the animal and deliver from the sticky mess. There were no serious wounds.

Wreck Bay Placers.—Among the arrivals from the West Coast by the Queen City was Sing Lee, the Chinaman, who has been operating at Wreck Bay during the season just past. Sing has been working the Wreck Bay mine on something like a fifty per cent day, and his last clean-up on the beach is said to have been \$500.

Marble Bay Mine.—Regular shipments are being made to Crofton from the Marble Bay mine on Texada island by the steamer Trader, from the large dump purchased by the smelter company, and the management confidently expect to be shipping ore from the mine in a very short time now, as the drift from the bottom of the shaft, which has been put down another hundred feet, is calculated to be close on the ore body.

Want More Mail Facilities.—A petition to the Postmaster-General for improved mail facilities for Quatsino district via Hardy Bay has been largely signed. It is pointed out that the government has expended a substantial amount in the construction of a wharf at the bay and Hardy Bay trail, and they contend that unless a mail route is established these improvements will be rendered ineffectual. If a subsidy of \$500 a year is given the C. P. R. Company will make eight cuts per month at Hardy Bay.

The Finnish Colony.—President Kurikka has retired from the management of the Finnish colony at Malcolm Island in the favor of Andrew Jarvinen, who will carry on the work of the Finnish colony as laid down by Matti Kurikka. The colonists have recently been much gratified at the discovery of splendid clay for making bricks. The colonists are enjoying the comforts of brick stoves. They will also build houses of brick. They will likewise establish a large sawmill and sell the lumber direct.

Petitions Long Halt.—An interesting announcement is made respecting the famous world's temperance petition signed by millions of people in various parts of the world, including fifty different countries, and intended to be presented to the crowned heads of the world. The petition, it will be remembered, was carried out under the direction of the late Frances Willard. It was sent to Queen Victoria and to the President of the United States, but it now transpires it ceased on its travels when it reached Ottawa. At the Dominion convention the other day one of the members made the announcement that the six big boxes containing the petition had been deposited in the Dominion Methodist church at Ottawa for six years. An attempt is to be made to have it started at once on the rest of its journey.

Forthcoming Pioneer Dinner.—The members of the British Columbia Pioneer Society are looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to their annual dinner event which this year will come off on the evening of December 4th next at the Hotel Victoria. Mine Host Lesson of the Victoria gave such general satisfaction to the Pioneers and their friends for the past three years that they have again combined and will prepare the menu. Tickets for the affair have been placed in the hands of an energetic committee of the society and a large sale is anticipated. Only a limited number will be sold and the committee hopes that all friends will take the hint. Each afternoon from 2 till 5 Secretary A. Grahame is to be found at the Pioneer hall with a cheery word for all and he will be pleased to furnish all applicants with tickets for the dinner. Mr. Grahame is the life and soul of the society, as he is indeed a valued member of any society with which he may be connected.

Every dollar purchase entitles you to one guess how many yards of Ribbon for the Solid Gold Watch, to be given by Santa Claus on January 1, 1904. Ribbon displayed in our north window. The S. Reid Co., Limited.

Ore From Kamloops.—The first regular shipment of ore from A. N. Gray's Copper King mine, near Kamloops, is now on the way to Crofton via the C. P. R., and from now on this mine will contribute at least three carloads a week.

Board of Trade.—The monthly general meeting of this board will be held at 8 o'clock in the evening on Friday next, 20th of November. Business, urgent necessity of fish traps being allowed. Resolution endorsing Mr. Chamberlain's inter-imperial trade policy.

Popular Pastor Coming.—Next Sunday morning and evening, Rev. J. A. Leary, D.D., of the Synod of British Columbia, and one of the popular men of the Presbytery of Westminster, will occupy the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church.

Retail Clerks.—Two new members were initiated at the meeting of the Retail Clerks' Association held in A. O. U. hall. Union store cards were granted to Mowat &amp; Wallace's (Donald's) (Oak Bay). The association will not hold any regular meeting until January.

Recovering From Accident.—It is believed that the young man Duchesnay, whose leg was broken in last Saturday's football match between Victoria and Vancouver, will have sufficiently recovered to permit of removal to his home in Vancouver. E. O'Callaghan, who came here to look after the patient, will accompany him home.

Enforcing the Act.—Supt. Hussey, who is now engaged in enforcing the provisions of the Provincial Immigration Act, is at Vancouver, where yesterday, in company with F. Russell, immigration inspector, interviewed the Japanese consul, Mr. Ito, and the Japanese consul, Mr. Ito, who were arrested in Seattle last week.

Repairing Locomotive.—The No. 2 locomotive of the Lenora &amp; Mt. Sicker railway has had her working gear sent to the Victoria Works for repair, and when this has been done and both engines are running regularly the shipments from the Lenora will, it is hoped, with decent weather, be considerably increased.

Will Reside Here.—Day by day the influx of permanent residents to Victoria and vicinity assumes larger proportions. Capt. R. C. Damon, of London, who served through the South African war and was an officer in Kitchener's Horse, is in the city. It is his intention to take a suitable location in British Columbia if a suitable location is found. He is a guest at the Balmoral.

Offer for June Group.—Recent reports from the West Coast are to the effect that outside capitalists have been willing to offer a considerable sum to secure control of a promising holding. When the steamer Queen City departed for this city it was reported about Quatsino that the owners of the June group had refused \$750,000.

Inspected Crofton School.—Inspector of Schools Netherby has just paid a visit of inspection to Crofton and expresses himself as highly pleased with the progress made by the school under the able management of Mr. Douglas. It is hoped that the results will show the school to be one of the best in the district.

Investigating Murder.—Supt. Hussey, of the provincial police, is still making inquiry into the murder of Charles Sing at Stevenson. Amongst the effects of the deceased was found his membership card in the Highlanders' Society, issued at Victoria. Chief of Police Murdochson of Stevenson, stated that the deceased had been expected to be killed on a certain day by Vancouver Highlanders. The day mentioned was Thursday; on Friday he was found dead.

Goulding Concert Co.—A visitor to Victoria yesterday was Charles Law, manager of the Goulding-Goulding Concert Company. He is in the city arranging for the appearance of this excellent organization at the Victoria theatre next Monday evening. The company is headed by Miss Bertha Goulding, and have won unbounded praise throughout the whole of their tour, from Halifax westward. Mr. Law goes today to Vancouver.

Yreka Mine Resumes.—Operations have been resumed at the Yreka mine at Quatsino Arm. The Crofton smelter people have a force of men engaged there, sinking on the Clyde cut and also tunneling into No. 2 cut. It is the intention to thoroughly explore the property, and have won unbounded praise throughout the whole of their tour, from Halifax westward. Mr. Law goes today to Vancouver.

The Orphan.—This popular Yates street play house is having a phenomenal week. The head liners, Golden and Weaver, are certainly a hit with their clever and original songs, and well known in Victoria, and his repertoire and parodies upon the popular songs of the day provoke a great deal of amusement. The singing of Miss Davidson, of the Victoria Theatre, is also a hit, and the very acceptable. The benefit of the night, very acceptable. The benefit of the night, very acceptable.

Orphan's Benefit.—A Protestant Orphanage benefit will be given at the A. O. U. hall Tuesday and Wednesday, December 22nd and 23rd, at 8 o'clock. The "Passion Play," the greatest animated reproduction in existence, will be presented. This great portrayal of the beautiful story of the life of Jesus Christ, from the manger to the crucifixion and ascension, cannot fail to appeal to everyone. Professional singers have been engaged to render appropriate songs during the performance. In addition to the "Passion Play" the longest film ever produced, there will be an excellent programme. The management of the Edison theatre will give a \$2000 prize to the one selling the largest number of tickets. Everyone can compete for this prize. The price of admission will be 25 and 50 cents. Tickets can be had at Wat &amp; Co's and Fletcher Bros.

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Fish and Game Club.—The inclement weather of last evening and the dance at Esquimalt prevented a large attendance at the weekly meeting of the Fish and Game Club, over which Mr. Edgar M. Mervin presided. It was decided to defer the matter of drawing up a petition to the Dominion government asking for regulations for the better preservation of trout fishing to a later date, and the club will meet again on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock and will report to next week's meeting. It was decided to hold a public meeting at Dunsmuir on Saturday week to ascertain the views of the residents of that section on the amendments to the Game Act, and also on the proposed game reserve. Mr. Mervin was authorized to write the Vancouver, New Westminster and Kamloops Gun Clubs to send representatives to a meeting of the club on Wednesday week to discuss the final draft of the Game Act, and to ascertain the views of the Mainland "sports" may be ascertained.

Football at Canteen.—Tomorrow afternoon two football teams, one from the Victoria, and the other representing the Victoria, will play at the canteen grounds.

Black-Smith.—At the residence of the Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A., yesterday, Mr. Joseph M. Clark and Mrs. Earl Smith, both of Seattle, were united in marriage.

Major Joly.—Announcement is made officially that Brevet Major H. G. Joly de Lotbiniere, D. S. O., R. E., has resigned his position in the War Office to go on duty in the Canadian field force as a special service officer.

Kinsman-Scott.—Yesterday afternoon at the residence of the bride's parents, 62 Princess avenue, John Edward, son of Ald. John Kinsman and Miss Maria Andie Scott, daughter of Capt. Scott, were made man and wife by the Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A. Mr. W. H. Kinsman acted as groomsmen and Miss Mabel Scott, sister of the bride, as bridesmaid. The honeymoon will be spent in the sound cities.

West Coast Sawmill.—Judging from present indications, the sawmill recently established at Yreka, on the west coast of the island, by Messrs. Clark and Russell, will prove a profitable venture. It is now running full blast and cuts about twenty thousand feet a day. Of course the question of orders is the most important factor, but the management appear to be satisfied with the prospect, as they have a sufficient call ahead for their product to keep going.

"Hermann" Tomorrow.—"Hermann the Great," who appears at the Victoria theatre tomorrow evening, furnishes many new and novel experiments in legions and sensational illusions. New feats in levitation were introduced, and a wonderful illusion, "The Drive Elect," which is at present the great sensation of Paris and London, has not as yet been seen in America, to round off a programme of new and sensational feats. Mr. Hermann has secured "The Laskys," the brilliant exponents of military music.

"Creation" Practice.—The practice for "Creation," the new musical drama, held last evening at the Metropolitan Methodist church, was attended by about 125 singers and members of the orchestra, and proved a most successful rehearsal. The work done promised well for the concert, which comes off on the 2nd prox. The practices for the coming week will be held as follows: Tenors, tonight; sopranos, next Monday; altos, on Wednesday; and basses, on Friday. Mr. Hicks' residence, California avenue. Full practice after service on Sunday night next and next Wednesday evening.

Song Birds.—The long-expected consignment of song birds imported by the Natural History Society of British Columbia, arrived here yesterday afternoon from New York, and were at once removed to the aviaries at Beacon Hill park. The consignment of the song birds, some fifteen days, quite a large number had succumbed, but the remainder upon liberation, seemed to be quite happy and contented. The portion, namely one-half, destined for the Victoria, was shipped to the Victoria Express. Lovers of the Old Country songsters should visit Beacon Hill park and see











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# Island Interested In Yukon Route

# Building of All-Canadian Line Matter of Great Concern to Victoria.

# Committee of Board of Trade Working to Make Victoria the Terminus.

That an energetic fight shall be made by the city of Victoria and all the towns and municipalities on Vancouver Island for the extension of the Island railway as a part of the all-Canadian line to the Yukon, is the aim and determination of the special committee appointed by the Victoria Board of Trade at a recent meeting. This special committee consists of Messrs. C. H. Lugin, S. J. Pitts, Joshua Kinsman, George Carter and H. D. Helmcken, K. C. A circular letter is being prepared, accompanied by a map, and the same is to be sent to all public bodies directly interested in the project, as well as to members of parliament, members of the legislature and others.

The committee propose to lay stress upon the fact that both political parties in parliament have, in connection with the new transcontinental railway, gone on record as in favor of the construction by the government of railways for trade and commerce, and that, therefore, it is a matter of national importance commercially, and will, therefore, urge that a north and south avenue of traffic along the western frontier of the Dominion is as worthy of support as an east and west line in the Eastern portion. They also propose to urge the claims of the Coast cities of British Columbia to be placed on the most favorable footing possible in connection with the trade coming and to be developed in the northern part of this province and the Yukon.

The committee, while not opposing a north and south line through the whole of the British Columbia mainland, think that the project is more likely to be successful if it is confined to the shortest and most direct route between the Yukon and the British Columbia seaboard, and will urge that from this main trunk line, which ought to be made to Dawson and to the Yukon country, the Delta and Lard rivers. They propose also that the Dominion government shall be asked to construct a railway from the terminus of the D. & N. whether that shall be at Wellington or be extended to Comox, to the northern end of the Island, and that a line of fast steamers and car ferries connecting the road on the Island with that on the Mainland shall be a part of the project. This plan, it is hoped, will commend itself to Vancouver, New Westminster and other points on the southern Mainland, as it would greatly develop the island, thereby enlarging their opportunities for trade and commerce, and speedily and easy northern connections.

HAPPY LILANDUNO.

An interesting contribution to the discussion as to whether this nation is becoming poorer or not is afforded by a passage in a contemporary. In the column headed "Meteorological Report," we learn of Lilanduno that "the wages lashed in towards the Promenade with great grandeur, and a wonder Lilanduno does not stand higher on the list of attractive watering places, but there is quite likely to be an immediate stampede now to so blessed a spot."

AMERICAN PRESS METHODS.

People as a rule are desperately touchy about anything that appears concerning them in a newspaper, even to the mis-spelling of their names. They would, however, get some novel sensations if the press in this country were run on American lines. Dr. G. Morgan, in a sermon he preached in the States, dealing with the death of Christ, said: "It brought me face to face with a moral mystery; that unless there was some explanation of that tragic ending of a pure life, it was the terrible reflection on the government of God, and would make me an infidel. The whole sermon was to answer that position. But the next morning I saw in the New York Journal a flaming headline: 'Dr. Morgan Puzzled About the Death of Christ.' Says That 'There is a Moral Mystery in it, and it Makes Him an Infidel.'"

THE EXHIBITION OF STATUARY

Final Arrangements Made By Committee Having Affair In Hand.

The committee who have in charge the arrangement of the exhibition of statuary, which will be held in the city hall next week, completed their final arrangements yesterday. It is expected the exhibit will arrive from Vancouver by the Charnier this evening.

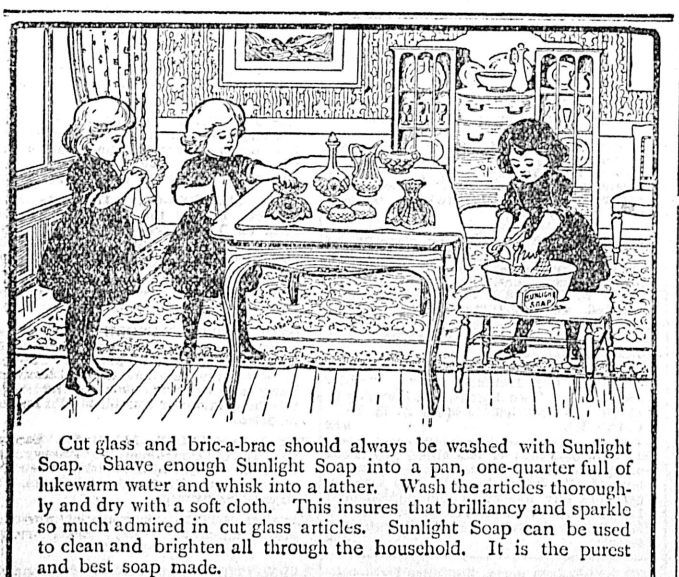
Two days are required for its arrangement, and on Monday, at 2 p. m., the formal opening will take place, and will continue throughout the week, from 2 to 6, and from 8 to 10 p. m. daily.

The exhibit will be in charge of Miss Jean Laidlaw, of London, Ont. A young lady who has had large experience in conducting such exhibitions and whose lucid explanation of the various subjects will add greatly to the interest of the exhibit.

The opportunity of seeing the various schools of art so well illustrated is a rare one, and should not be neglected. For there cannot fail to be a pronounced educational influence in a careful study of the display, which is found to a great extent in the opportunity afforded of comparing the work or styles of the different periods, which may roughly be divided into four—Egyptian, Grecian, Renaissance and modern.

This is an opportunity which the young people of the city especially should improve and it is the intention of the committee to make special arrangements for a Children's Day, of which notice will be given later.

It is also the intention of the committee to serve afternoon tea, which doubtless will be appreciated by visitors to the exhibition.



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# Tug Mystery Has Been Floated

Vessel Which Sank When Being Beached at Esquimalt Salvaged Yesterday.

Steamer Edith's Owners Ask \$35,000 for Salvaging the Derelict Chas. Nelson.

The tug Mystery, which foundered in fifteen feet of water near the line kins at Esquimalt on Tuesday morning, as told yesterday, was raised yesterday morning by the wreckers of the Esquimalt Marine railway, and Diver McHardy. The tug was found with the aid of big centrifugal pumps, which soon freed her of the water which filled her, spilling it out at the rate of thirty or more tons to the minute, and with the pumps throwing out the water quicker than it came in through the damaged hull, the vessel soon regained her buoyancy, and was towed over to the ways of the marine railway, where she was still kept free from the vessel being placed on the cradle today for repairs.

The Mystery, who sank struck on the Stag rocks, hit at a point where the rock stands sheer, and unable to climb up any shoving rock, the vessel rolled over with the force of the concussion, and the scow, which she had in tow, swerved around and also struck the rock. Then the tug, with the scow still in tow, made her race for the nearest beach about a mile and a half away—a race which was a close one, for when the ships company left her in the tug's boats the men in the scow and the Mystery were standing in water which was four feet deep.

The tug's hull is badly damaged, much of the forefoot being torn away and some of the planking spread by the force of the blow. She will be repaired at the Esquimalt Marine railway, which company received the contract for salvaging her from the underwriters after she sank in fifteen feet of water near the line kins, and soon and the steamer Maude and large leaded alongside with pumps and wrecking apparatus. After about fifteen hours' work they floated the vessel yesterday morning and yesterday afternoon took her to the marine ways.

WANTS BIG SALVAGE.

The Derelict Steamer Charles Nelson Labeled by Edith for \$35,000.

The steamer Edith, a collier running between Tacoma and San Francisco in command of Capt. Hall, a brother of Capt. A. L. Hall, who was for long master of the steamers Walla Walla and Queen, has labeled the derelict steamer Charles Nelson, which she picked up waterlogged and abandoned off the Oregon coast and towed to San Francisco, for \$35,000. The Edith is owned by the Progress Steamship Company.

The ship Columbia and bark Abby Palmer, which are lying at Esquimalt dismantled, are still awaiting action, the former being still for sale, and the underwriters and owners of the Abby Palmer have not yet decided on the repair work for that vessel. It is probable though, that specifications will be issued shortly.

It was rumored some days ago that an offer of \$100,000 had been made for the hull of the Columbia as she lies at Esquimalt, this offer being made by Seattle people, but Capt. Schwartz says he heard nothing of it. Capt. Spille, of the German ship City, who is engaged on the same company at Bremen, which owns the Columbia, was in the city some days ago to consult with Capt. Schwartz in regard to her.

Before the steamer Vermont proceeded on her voyage, the evidence of her master and crew was taken before the registrar for use in the salvage case preferred against the Abby Palmer for \$25,000 by Messrs. Harris & Co., owners of the Vermont.

BOUGHT THE JEANNE.

Was Sold to San Francisco Firm for Thirty Thousand Dollars.

The steamer Jeanne, which has been running to Valdes for the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company, has been purchased by the Pacific Alaska Transportation & Coal Company, for \$30,000.

It is understood that Mr. Oandroy will use the Jeanne as one of a line of vessels he is to establish between Alaska and Alaska in connection with the development of some large fishing and mining properties he owns.

The Jeanne was constructed by Gross, Sawyer & Bell, at Seattle, Wash. She is 181 feet long, 37 feet wide and 18 feet 8 inches depth of hold. She has been in the coast trade for several years, being owned and operated by the Pacific Steam Whaling Company, and more recently by the Pacific Packing & Navigation Co.

NEW STEAMER LINE.

Service for Kansas City, Mexico and the Orient.

The Hamburg-American line has completed arrangements for a steamer service from Mexico to the Far East in connection with the new Pacific Alaska Transportation & Coal Company. Herr Albert Ballin, managing director of the Hamburg-American line, said: "A contract has been completed between our company and the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient line, by which we will establish a passenger and freight line to the Far East, and a line of freight ships to Australia from the Pacific terminus at Topeka, Mo., and on to the named Port Smith, honor of the president of the company. We expect that the railroad will be finished in two years and the steamship lines will form a community of interests for quite a long period."

HAD ROUGH TRIP.

The Tug Tyee Reaches Yakutat With the Disabled Steamer Meteor.

The Puget Sound Tugboat Company's Tyee, Captain John B. Bolling, which left on the night of October 23rd for Dutch Harbor, to bring back the disabled freight steamer Meteor, is having her share of the rough weather experienced by vessels returning from Alaska.

Captain John B. Bolling, general manager of the company, is in receipt of a letter written by Capt. Bolling, under date of November 2nd, from Yakutat. The writer stated that he had had an almost continuous storm from Sitka, shipping seas which washed away southern doors and water casks and stove in the Tyee's doors. Tons of water would wash over the tug. In fact, she was awash at most of the time.

Capt. Bolling added that he had just had a talk with Capt. Z. S. Moore, of the Nome City, then in port and that the latter declared he had never seen worse storms in that section of Alaskan waters. But the Tyee is used to rough weather, and would live through storms that would wreck many large passenger vessels. Her calling at Yakutat indicates that Capt. Bolling intended making Valdez, and thence on around through Shelikof strait.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Moana is due from Australia via Suva and Honolulu next Tuesday.

OH, FOR ONE-AND-TWENTY.

A Southern youth has just arrived at his majority, and he had a "twenty-one" party. There were twenty-one guests (the lady giving the party), twenty-one kisses to the hero, twenty-one dances, twenty-one songs, and twenty-one games. The menu consisted of twenty-one articles of food, and the liquors were also of twenty-one kinds. His father gave him a cheque for \$21, and he has with this started off on a twenty-one days' holiday. 'Tis an enviable age, even if we are not all so fortunate as this youth.

# Weather Vagaries Are Widespread

Local Meteorologists Are In Agreement With Distant Scientific Men.

Solar Phenomena Believed to Be Responsible for the Changes.

Some time ago the Colonist published a despatch quoting an eminent European astronomer and meteorologist to the effect that the extraordinary irregularities in the world's weather observed throughout the current year were caused by the enlargement of the spots on the sun.

With this view most of the British meteorologists are in agreement, and Mr. Baynes Reed, of the Victoria meteorological station, also is inclined to attribute the climatic phenomena to this cause. He says also, that the wonderfully brilliant display of the phenomenon of aurora borealis, which, in the northern lights, observed here some weeks ago, may be accurately ascribed to the same great cause.

As all readers of the Colonist are well aware, weather conditions of a kind almost without parallel in the records of the white occupation of the Pacific coast have prevailed this year from Mexico to Alaska. In California no such weather has been noted within living memory, and here the oldest Victorians cannot remember a more wretched and miserable spring, summer and fall. From England yesterday came private advices to the effect that the day in many shires is lying rotting in the rain and the floods. Fearful storms have raged around the British coasts, and the western front of Europe from the North Cape to Cape Trafalgar. From many other parts of the globe the same reports of hurricanes, deluges and unseasonable cold have come in without intermission.

These wonderful maculae solis are awe-inspiring sights to behold through a powerful telescope. One can look through the vast corona, or envelope of the sun far down into the tremendous abysses in the sun's bulk, where the ocean of flame seems to have receded somewhat leaving those darker spaces, the actual cause of which is still a mystery to astronomers. The very mark-changes of a very grave character in the combustion of the sun's substance seems to be generally admitted by all scientific men. Marvelous effects are produced in the spectroscopic during the continuance of the phenomenon.

It is of course an acknowledged scientific fact that the sun is sinking at an alarming rate, burning itself out, in fact, and that in something like a million years it will probably have reached the same condition as the moon—a barren, lifeless globe.

It will thus be seen that the prospects for the mundane coal and wood dealers is very bright.

# The Conservatives Command Country

That Fact Clearly Established By An Interesting Table Showing Votes Cast.

McBride Government Represents Fifty Per Cent More Voters Than Other Parties.

The Vancouver Ledger has had prepared an interesting table showing the number of votes cast at the recent general elections. The reliability of the figures can be vouched for unreservedly. The work was done by a recognized authority on statistics, which is alone a guarantee of their accuracy.

In the first portion of the table, the total vote of the province is dealt with, the annual canvass of 1902-3 at the time of the election, in the whole province was 33,236, the number of electors exercising the franchise being 30,692. This is an extremely large percentage of the total vote, being over 75 per cent, but it must be recalled that the lists had been newly compiled and the number of absentees, and other ineffective names would be greatly reduced.

Owing to the fact that in several constituencies there are two or more members, giving the elector the privilege of voting for more than one man, the total vote cast for each party is not exactly equal with the number of ballots cast, there being as in the case of Vancouver with five members, five votes on one ballot. Of the votes actually marked for candidates, the Conservatives of the province received 22,225, the Liberal candidates received 21,922, or a little over 75 per cent of the vote received by Conservative candidates. Socialist candidates received in all 7,700 votes, and Labor voters 1,085 votes.

Taking the vote by constituencies, there were in constituencies now represented by Conservatives, 23,312 voters on the list, while in constituencies where the Conservatives are not represented, but where the number of ballots cast, there being as in the case of Vancouver with five members, five votes on one ballot. Of the votes actually marked for candidates, the Conservatives of the province received 22,225, the Liberal candidates received 21,922, or a little over 75 per cent of the vote received by Conservative candidates. Socialist candidates received in all 7,700 votes, and Labor voters 1,085 votes.

Taking the whole province, the Conservatives represent 23,312 of the total number of 33,236 electors. The Liberals, Socialists and Labor members together represent only a total of 15,814 electors. But the Conservatives represent 70 per cent more of the electors of the province than all other parties combined. The figures are given herewith:

No. of voters on lists	33,236
No. of ballots actually cast	30,692
No. of votes cast for Conservatives	22,225
No. of votes cast for Liberals	21,922
No. of votes cast for Socialists	7,700
No. of votes cast for Labor	1,085

BY CONSTITUENCIES.

Voters in Cons. constituencies	23,312
Voters in Liberal constituencies	13,130
Voters in Socialist constituencies	2,441
Voters in Labor constituencies	813
Votes cast in Cons. constituencies	15,223
Votes cast in Liberal constituencies	10,676
Votes cast in Labor constituencies	617

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RUSSIA'S SECRET POLICY.

It is a singular comment on Russia's that the Macedonian insurgents are getting the Macedonian insurgents are get-

ting their supplies, and in large quantities from Odessa. Bulgarian business men in Odessa have subscribed a million roubles to buy arms and stores, which will be taken across the Black Sea in Russian ships, and smuggled through Bulgaria. In police ridden Russia these things are not unknown to the government, but only inference can be drawn from the non-interference of the Russian government.

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